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Dear Friends,

More than 40 million people rely on the Great Lakes for their drinking water. Combined, the lakes account for 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water.

I've worked hard in the Congress to keep our drinking water safe. Last year I helped lead the effort to fight British Petroleum's (BP) plan to dump 33 percent more ammonia and 54 percent more sludge into Lake Michigan. The Kirk Amendment to boost mercury monitoring in the lakes passed the House this year to help protect expectant mothers and their kids from the deadly neurotoxin accumulating in our water. And along with Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL), I've introduced legislation to ban the 24 billion gallons of sewage that are dumped in our lakes each year.

Here in the 10th District, leading high school students also are mobilizing to protect the crown jewel of our ecosystem. Each year, students from high schools all over the northern suburbs participate in my 10th District Student Leadership Advisory Board. We meet regularly to discuss critical issues in our schools and communities.

Every two years, the students create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) about an issue important to them. They pick the topic, write the script and tape the PSA.

This year, the students produced a PSA regarding protecting the Great Lakes. You can view the 60-second spot below.



These students are helping change the world around them. If you know a high school student who might be interested in my Student Leadership

Advisory Board, please call my office at 847-940-0202, or visit my Web site at [www.house.gov/kirk](http://www.house.gov/kirk). Please also feel free to contact me regarding this or any other issue of importance to you.

It is an honor to serve you in Congress.

Sincerely,



Mark Kirk  
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